

II. REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephone interview conducted between Examiner William McCalister (571-270-1869) and Applicants' attorney, Wesley Ashton, on January 7, 2009. During the January 7th Examiner's Interview, the Examiner informed Applicants' attorney that claim 1 is patentable over the art of record. However, the Examiner suggested additional amendments to the claims in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, Applicants amend claims 1 and 5-7 as follows. Independent claim 1 has been amended to improve grammar and clarity and not for a reason related to patentability. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claim 1 to replace the phrase "flow quantity" with --flow rate-- as suggested by the Examiner. The present amendment of claim 1 improves the readability of claim 1, but has no further limiting effect on the scope of claim 1.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to replace the phrase "flow quantity" with --flow rate-- as suggested by the Examiner, which has no further limiting effect on the scope of these claims. Claim 6 has been additionally amended to recite a limitation included in independent claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct a typographical error, which has no further limiting effect on the scope of claim 7.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the present amendment, claims 1 and 5-7 are in condition for allowance for the reasons of record.

For all of the above reasons, claims 1 and 5-7 are in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The below-signed attorney for Applicants welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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